

U.S. House of Representatives
Rep. Sharice L. Davids
Kansas Third District

March 24, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for a water treatment plant expansion in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of De Soto, located at 32905 W. 84th Street, De Soto, Kansas, 66018. The funding would be used to partially cover the \$35,000,000 cost to construct additional clarifiers and related equipment to increase the plant's capacity from 2 million gallons per day (MGD) to 8 MGD and meet Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will support the largest economic development project in the state of Kansas, the Panasonic EV Battery plant. In addition to the Panasonic plan, which is 300 acres, there are more than an additional 9,000 acres that will require water service to enhance the state's investment in Astra Enterprise Park. Panasonic alone is projected to generate \$250,000,000 annual economic growth.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Sharice L. Davids
Member of Congress